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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. STEININGER, A/DDS&T/CIA

SUBJECT: Meeting with Hebert Committee,
February 25, 1972

Since you expressed an interest in the questions on security, I am sending you this summary of my meeting.

The meeting went very well. The chairman arrived about 9:15 and stayed for about an hour. Other members present were Mr. Nedzi (who stayed the whole time), Mr. Price (who stayed about an hour), Mr. Fisher (who stayed about an hour), Mr. O'Konski (who stayed about 2 hours), Mr. Pike (who stayed about 2 hours), and Mr. Hall who stayed about the same amount of time.

We had a chance to go through most of our material with the majority of the people. The meeting lasted until about 11:40.

Mr. Nedzi acted as chairman after Hebert left.

There were some good questions and the atmosphere was one of informal exchange of views in addition to the presentation of the complete material covering our satellite programs by [redacted] more or less detailed review of the budget [redacted]

Some of the questions which came up included the following: Mr. Nedzi asked who was in charge of the overall intelligence business. What is Dick Helms doing about his new responsibilities? How is Al Hall's new job affecting you? On these we gave a response along the lines that Al Hall will be coordinating the overall intelligence budget and will be presenting it on a combined basis, but that we intend to keep our material off the record. Hence, the need for us to go into considerable detail with them on our programs. With

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respect to Dick Helms, we said that we are sure that he has great responsibility in his new assignment but that so far there has not been time for us to see how that responsibility might affect our work.

We mentioned that we have not been exempt from budget cuts--that in fact, when there are significant cuts, they do affect us.

Mr. Hall's questions about the CIA concerned whether or not since they are mainly a civil service organization they might become hidebound, have a lot of people over age in grade, etc. I described to him our meetings with the CIA concerning their programs and the atmosphere in which we work wherein they have an eager group of very capable engineers who manage the programs which are assigned to them and that it is anything but an old and stodgy group. It is a very aggressive group. He seemed pleased with this impression.

Mr. Hall asked questions about the need for an anti-satellite capability. He said he understood it would cost about \$300 million to do something worthwhile. I told him we had a number of proposals and that to do the most expensive we would get into that kind of money, but that we had some others that were quite attractive that would cost considerably less. So far our decision was that we probably should go ahead with some kind of a demonstration but that beyond that we should be doing technology work and system definition on what kind of a program would eventually be needed on a continuing basis. He supported this and wanted to know if we had money in the budget for it. We told him no, there was money in the Air Force budget, but not in our budget. I referred to some recent conversations with Dr. Seamans, wherein Dr. Seamans felt we should put this in the black and get on with it. Mr. Hall strongly supported that view. He, and Mr. Pike also, was interested in the antisatellite question.

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Mr. Hall wanted to know whether we were coordinating our activities with DDR&E and the National Science Foundation, so that our work on technology was not duplicating other work elsewhere in the government. We told him that we had no direct contact with the National Science Foundation but that we had, over the years, much contact with DDR&E and that we were in a transition stage with Dr. Hall taking on the duties of ASD(I).

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Mr. Nedzi questioned how we worked with the USIB, whether we have a good relationship, whether they are too demanding, whether they ask for things that we don't think ought to be done, etc. I told him that I was a member of USIB for NRO matters, sat in with them, and I thought we had a good working relationship through the committee structure on which we have representatives. I said that there was a tendency for people to raise their requirements as our capabilities are increased.

All in all I think we had a good session.

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